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1. Immediately following the Chinese Communist occupation of Anshan (122-57, 41-04), wealthy land owners were stripped of everything they possessed. Small land holders were permitted to keep three mou of land for each member of the family (6.6 mou equal one acre) and required to pay a fine equivalent to their profits for the last three years.

2. The steel mills at Anshan were stripped. Workers were not permitted to leave the mills until the machinery had been dismantled. All the mill workers then assisted in removing the machinery by horsecart to Lienshankuan (123-45, 40-58) where half was shipped by rail to Autung (124-23, 40-09) and then by horsecart to Tunghua (125-57, 41-43); the other half was shipped directly from Lienshankuan to Tunghua by horsecart. Unskilled laborers were then permitted to return to Anshan. Skilled laborers, consisting of some 200 Japanese technicians (this number includes their families) and 400 Chinese technicians (this number includes their families) were forcibly sent to Tunghua.

3. A mayor heads the city government which contains a Political (Indoctrination) Department, a Power Bureau, a Post Office Department and a "Public Peace Preservation Bureau". The Public Peace Preservation Bureau is all inclusive, having the same bureaus and subdivisions that exist in most municipalities in China and Manchuria. New department heads were appointed by the Chinese Communists but other city government personnel were not changed.

4. The new mayor made two speeches. The first speech, for women, declared them emancipated and promised that their social standing would be raised accordingly. The second speech, for the general public, announced that the status quo would be maintained as the Communists did not want to disrupt the local economy and that there would continue to be jobs and food for all.

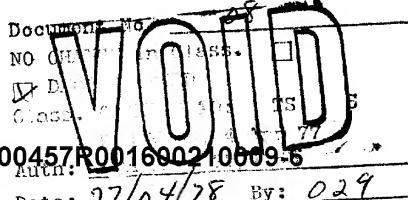
5. The effect of the second speech was somewhat marred by the fact that Chinese Communist troops confiscated all the food in Anshan with the exception of five days' rations. Rationing was promised after the five day supply of food was exhausted but it was not put into effect.

6. The economy of Anshan is completely disrupted, and the people are reduced to eating soy bean cake, which is customarily used as fertilizer or fed to live-stock.

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